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Director's Meeting

Friday, 8 February 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles and Becker, Col. White, [redacted]  
Messrs. Hedden and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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b. Referred to the item in the Log pertaining to exchange of publications with Soviet bloc organizations and asked Mr. Becker if an embargo had been placed or was being considered on export of technical material. Mr. Becker noted that the Committee mentioned in the above Log item was considering this problem and we would have representation thereon.

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d. Stated that we were receiving requests from Congress for name-checks of people employed at the various embassies here in Washington. The Director stated that (1) if these people were U.S. citizens the request should be referred to the FBI together with any information we might have; (2) if they were foreign nationals we would make available what information we might have. *ADD/so informed. 3-3-52*

e. Mentioned that he had received a report from [redacted] concerning [redacted] in whom the Director had indicated an interest. The DCI said he did not immediately recall the name and, after some discussion, it was noted that this individual had been recommended by General Donovan as a possible candidate for employment. [redacted] is presently employed by State [redacted] and has indicated that he would like to come with us. Mr. Dulles undertook to follow through on this.

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f. Noted that he had talked with Park Armstrong concerning the recent publicity on our closing foreign legations and ministries in the satellite countries. In this connection, the Director stated that the paper on travel restrictions in the U.S. of certain foreign diplomatic personnel had been approved at yesterday's LAC meeting.

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The Director:

a. Asked [ ] to get in touch with [ ] concerning his reemployment with the Agency. *Done* S-2-14-52

b. Noted that the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force were enthusiastic about the recent briefing they had received from CIA and directed [ ] to arrange for them to come over some time during the week of 11 February. In connection with the briefing, he stated that we should pick out a "recently conducted operation" and that the [ ] should fill the bill. In this connection, he gave certain instructions concerning [ ] and stated that no action outside the Agency should be taken until after Monday, 11 February. 25X1  
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c. Stated that he had to give a talk to "the Labor people" one day next week and asked [ ] to draw up a list of things these people had done for us. *Done* S-2-13-52

Colonel White:

a. Reported on the status of the new building and noted that Col. Hansen was preparing material which might be used in defending construction of our building before Congress. This material will be presented to the Director for his approval. In connection with Col. White's report, the Director stated that in addition to plans for the Nevius tract we should also have an alternate estimate prepared for the Soldiers' Home site. *The Soldiers Home site will be taken up with DCL when plans for the Nevius tract are considered.* S-2-17-52 ✓

Colonel [ ]

b. Noted that we had received a letter from Postmaster General Donaldson concerning the Post Office Department's cooperation with us in POW mail "in so far as the law would allow". ✓ 25X1

c. Gave the Director a cable concerning the death of [ ] 25X1

Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that [ ] was planning to come over with [ ] delegation on the China trade matter. 25X1

Mr. Hedden:

a. Raised the matter of an efficiency report of an Army officer assigned to CIA which had "been torn up and resubmitted by another officer". The Director asked Mr. Hedden to investigate this matter and give him a full report and, if the S-2-18-52 ✓

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Mr. Hedden:

allegations proved true, he would prefer charges. [ ] raised the question of efficiency reports on officers assigned to CIA being rendered by civilians. The DCI stated that this procedure was unfair to the officers concerned and directed that Colonel White work out some plan whereby efficiency reports would, in fact, be made by senior Service officers and, if necessary, he (the Director) would sign a forwarding endorsement. *Col. White is taking action on this. 2/25/52.*

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